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A cut above

Red Hawks junior hoopster Zach Cox rises above the fray and two St. Thomas Aquinas defenders in high school basketball action at the Hawks Nest last Tuesday afternoon. See story and more photos on page 15. Photo by Terrance Gavan.

■ SCHOOL BOARD DECISION

Full-day kindergarten skips county this year

JENN WATT

Editor

Eight schools across the school board will implement full-day kindergarten in September, but none of Haliburton County's schools will be participating.

The province is testing out the program, which will be available to 35,000 four- and

five-year-olds in Ontario, but all four elementary schools in the Highlands fail to meet the education ministry's requirements.

"There were no schools chosen by the ministry for the first year of full-day learning. This is because of the guidelines set by the ministry," communications officer Jeanne Pengelly of Trillium Lakelands District School Board wrote in an email to the

Echo.

According to Pengelly, Stuart Baker Elementary School has no extra space for the program, Archie Stouffer Elementary School already had an adjoining daycare (which disqualifies the school in this round), and both Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools were involved

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■ HIGHLANDS EAST

Councillors frown at \$1-million fire hall pricetag

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Jan. 12 meeting of Highlands East council.

The county of Highlands East may be the recipient of a modern fire hall facility after an application for a million dollars in funding was submitted to the municipality on behalf of the

fire department.

Despite the absence of fire chief Bill Wingrove, who was unable to attend the meeting due to pneumonia, the application was brought before the municipality to be signed and submitted before its due date of Jan. 18. The application, which originally requested \$200,000 in funding for a new fire hall, had since been changed to a request of \$1 million.

Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie

was quick to address the jump in costs and the lack of plans that had been brought forward to the municipality.

"Going from \$200,000 to one million just doesn't make sense to me," said Mackie. "No planning went into this, they're just saying 'hey, here's a chance to get money.'"

Councillor Suzanne Partridge suggested the municipality sign

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■ DOGSLEDDING RACE

Getting set for ride of lifetime

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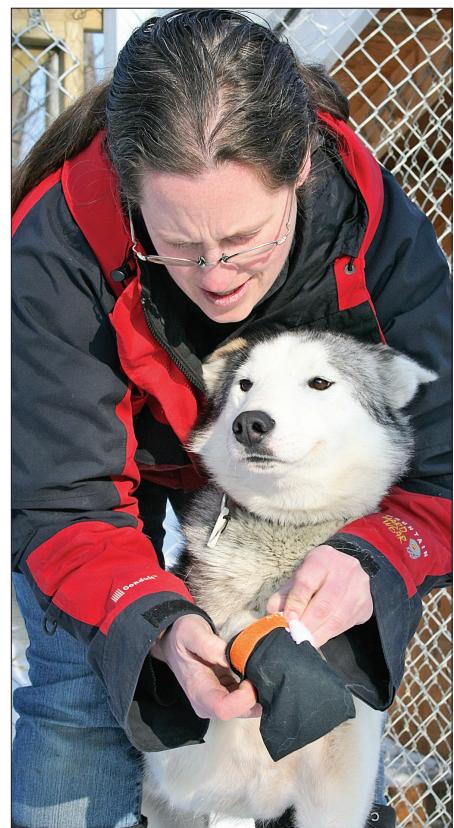
Staff reporter

The logistics involved with preparing and packing for the grueling Iditarod dogsled race is absolutely mind-boggling.

How mind-boggling?

Just ask Tanya McCready-DeBruin, the wife of local musher Hank DeBruin, who is staring down at a basement floor covered with 60 empty white bags – three for each of the 20 food stops along the Anchorage to Nome, Alaska race course.

"We had no idea what was in store for us when we signed up for it [the Iditarod]," laughs McCready, who says that for the final packing process they will be commandeering a group of willing volunteers to help with the stuffing of the bags.



Tanya McCready-DeBruin puts booties on the feet of Chester. The booties help protect the dog's feet from the cold. /Photo by Terrance Gavan.

McCready says that the total investment for this inaugural run at the Iditarod will end up costing the couple, who run Winterdance Dogsled Tours from their home and 140-dog kennel operation here in the Highlands, approximately \$40,000 in food, prep and travel expenses.

Meat alone, which must be kept frozen in the bags and delivered that way to the drop zones is going to cost more than \$1,500.

The bags strewn along the floor of the basement are all clearly marked with the names of the 20 food drops along the 1,063-mile historic, cold, rugged and foreboding course.

Some names you'll recognize. There are three bags marked Wasilla (home of Sarah Palin) and three more for Nome. But most of the other 54 bags are stencilled with more colourful names, names reflecting timeworn Native outposts and Inuit villages that have played host to this race since it began in 1973.

Names like Knik, Shagelur, Cripple, Ruby, Nulato, Kultag, and the ironically named Safety (mile 1041), which is only 22 miles from the finish line in Nome. In Safety, most mushers tend to eschew safety in favour of a breakneck run for home and Nome (mile 1063).

McCready says that along with items for the dogs and DeBruin, they will also be offering a personal touch from the Haliburton Highlands to the kids in the Inuit villages.

"You have to understand that for a lot of these villages this is like their Super Bowl," laughs McCready.

The couple's four kids Logan, 10, Dustyn, 8, Michaela, 4, and Jessica, 2, will all be heading to Alaska. Logan and Dustyn will be logging their journey for their schoolmates back in Haliburton, and students here have written letters which will be included in parcels and addressed to Native kids in Alaska.

McCready said that they will also be including gifts for the villages in the white fibre bags.

The two bags not filled with dog food contain DeBruin's food, batteries for flashlights, various other cooking supplies, some mainstay items like clothing

and those oh-so-important dog booties, which are worn by all 16 dogs on the team over certain sections of the race course.

The protective pad and paw covers can make the difference between winning, losing, or indeed finishing the race. McCready explains that a good portion of the middle portion of the race is over rugged frozen river, deadfall and debris-filled forest. This is where the change of booties is crucial so that the dog's paws remain protected from the jagged edges of trees and rocks.

She said they benefited from a recent trip to Alaska and actually were able to collect drop zone spreadsheets from two veteran mushers, which she says has helped the Iditarod team determine their own food drop priorities.

And on that booty theme we turn to "Booty Call," a fundraising event for Haliburton's Team Iditarod scheduled for the Pinestone Resort this Saturday afternoon and evening (Jan. 23).

"From 2 to 4 p.m. we're going to have rides for the kids and Hank and the Iditarod team will be there to talk with people," says McCready. "And then in the evening at 6:30 p.m. we'll have the formal dinner and auctions." Local artisan Tom Green has donated a beautiful piece of stained glass from his studio as a door prize. McCready said that they will also be offering many other silent auction prizes.

She says that the climax of the night will come after dinner when the Iditarod race team will be introduced one by one. "Each one of the dogs is going to come in and be introduced to the people and they will have an opportunity to sponsor one of the dogs," says McCready.

The ultimate live auction prize is a 10-mile run with DeBruin and the Iditarod race team.

McCready said the dress code is informal with a "dress as a musher" theme.

There will be prizes for best costumes, says McCready.

If you can't make the event, but still want to help DeBruin along the way with some booties for the dogs or other sponsor choices just visit the website at winterdance.com.



Grade three mushers

Hank DeBruin and Tanya McCready along with some Winterdance Guides introduced two Stuart Baker Elementary School Grade 3 classes to the thrilling world of dogsledding last week. /Photos submitted.

Above, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin shows the class how it's done with Shelby Nimigon and Jake O'Neill in tow.

Below, a guide from Winterdance takes Cody Mischio and Louis Muenzel for a wild ride.



DYSART BRIEFS

Davis sets tone in wage discussion

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Jan. 11 meeting of Dysart council.

Deputy-reeve Bill Davis made an impassioned plea to freeze council's current remuneration at the current rates.

"I have to say that these are different times and a lot of people hurting out there," said Davis. "It's my opinion ... and I think we should lead by example and decline the increase for council."

Davis's plea was in response to a bylaw

that mandates a yearly review of council remuneration on Jan. 1.

The bylaw specifically calls for an increase in wages based on the Ontario Consumer Price Index. Council did not take the raise last year either.

But Councillor Steve Pogue said that the bylaw itself was a problem and should be reviewed by council. Council agreed to come back with some recommendations in February.

Dysart writes tickets

Time to come down with the hammer, says roads superintendent Brian Nicholson.

While delivering his scheduled roads report to council, Nicholson could hardly contain his anger over a traffic incident which forced one of his vehicles into a ditch and prompted a call to a Bracebridge area towing company to extricate the truck from the deep drift.

"Vehicles parked on the roadways were a constant problem during the last two weeks," said Nicholson. "The ratepayers shouldn't be happy about a truck in the ditch, plus we had to get a tow truck from Bracebridge," said Nicholson. "I talked to the person [whose vehicle forced the plow into the ditch] and all I got was a shrug of the shoulders."

Reeve Murray Fearrey and several councillors agreed that it was time to enforce the parking bans. Nicholson suggested that all cars parked illegally would be ticketed and towed. "This has been three years of warnings," said Nicholson.

In other roads news, Dysart council approved the tender for purchase of a new pickup truck with sander. Nicholson also asked council for direction about whether to purchase a used snow blower for \$35,000 or place an offer for a new unit priced at \$80,000. Council passed the recommendation for purchase.

Duchene cited

Former NHL players and Haliburton natives Bernie Nicholls and Ron Stackhouse, are the only two players to have their pictures and plaques posted visibly on the Dysart et al Arena.

That's about to change.

Matt Duchene, the third overall choice in the 2009 NHL entry draft, will be joining those two on the side of the old Dysart barn.

Council approved a plan to place a Duchene rink-side banner alongside portraits and banners that already honour Nicholls and Stackhouse.

This year Duchene dodged the odds by sticking with the Colorado Avalanche.

Help for Iditarod team

Dysart council approved a donation of \$1,000 to local musher Hank DeBruin, the owner of Haliburton's Winterdance Dog-sled Tours.

DeBruin, whose thriving touring operation is responsible for bringing a lot of winter visitors into the area, will be taking a team of dogs and two sleighs to Alaska in February to compete in the historically significant Iditarod dogsled race.

Curlers advance to regionals in T.O.

**HHSS SPORTS
Briefs**

The following sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Jan. 8 to 10

The Red Hawk curlers were the B-side champions at the Gore Zone 5 curling championships. The team of Jesse Walker, Owen Duhaime, Connor Cowan and Mike Mazara will advance to the regionals in Toronto at the end of January.

The Red Hawk hockey team won 4 games (scores of 1-0, 6-0, 1-0, 1-0) at a Peterborough tournament to advance to the semi-finals on Saturday afternoon, where they were defeated by a 4-1 score.

The senior boys' basketball team captured first place at the Fenelon Falls Tourney with a hard-fought 41-39 victory over Fenelon Falls. Top scorers for Haliburton were Luke Watson with 12 points, Andrew Elia with 9 points and Justin Leveley with 8 points. In the second game, Adam van Nood and Luke Watson contributed 10 points each and Jesse Walker had 8 points in a 52-40 victory over Norwood. In the three-point shooting contest, Jesse Walker led all shooters with eight "threes" to win 1st prize in

the competition.

The Red Hawk wrestling team performed well at the I.E. Weldon wrestling meet, with several of our wrestlers going undefeated throughout the day.

Jan. 11

With four players on the sideline, the Red Hawk hockey team dug deep with a great effort in defeating the Crestwood Mustangs by a score of 4-3.

The win keeps the Red Hawks undefeated season intact.

Jan. 13

The junior girls' volleyball team travelled to Brock to compete in the final regular-season tournament, where they came in 1st place, defeating both AA rivals Brock and St. Thomas.

The junior boys' basketball team played a tough game against LCVI, where despite a solid effort, they fell to a score of 48-38.

The senior boys' basketball team earned their sixth consecutive victory in a 39-33 win against LCVI, with 15 points from Luke Watson and 12 points from Adam van Nood. Jesse Lefebvre sank 4 clutch shots with less than 10 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

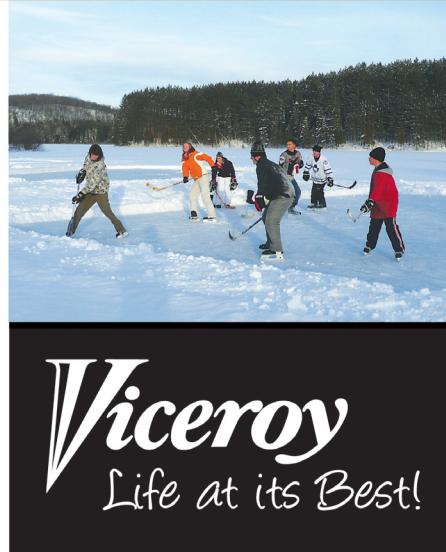
Jan. 14

The HHSS snowboarders attended a Mount St. Louis competition, with congratulations going to Joe Ferracuti for the best finish of the day.

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DEFICIT

Expect spending hangover in 2010

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The taps have been running, stimulus spending flowing and grants gushing forth like geysers and local MP Barry Devolin says that we should take advantage of the spending binge while we can, because those open taps will start to shut down over the next year.

Devolin, speaking before a group of Highlands business people at a Chamber of Commerce breakfast held at Sir Sam's Ski Area last Wednesday, likened the current economic situation and federal spending binge to a New Year's hangover.

"There's the night before and the morning after," said Devolin. "And I think we just got through the night before, and we're entering into the morning after part, which is when you pay the price for the night before."

Devolin told the local small business owners that he was optimistic about recovery, but at the same time specified that Finance Minister Jim Flaherty would be tightening the belt on spending in the next budget and beyond.

"I don't anticipate a lot of new programs and a lot of new spending," Devolin said. "Because we do have to deal with this \$50 billion shortfall in this year's budget. The interesting number is going to be the next year ... as we try to bring that budget back into balance. We have three years where we're going to have to tame the monster."

Devolin said that extenuating economic circumstances brought both he and his government to the crossroads, where extraordinary measures had to be undertaken. Desperate times called for desperate measures and Devolin said he fully supported his government's decision to install a deficit spending strategy. He added that stimulus spending would be curtailed in the next budget, and a plan would be in place to address the huge \$50 billion plus deficit in upcoming budgets.

He explained that the spending strategy had spawned some critics who professed that the rushed spending, most coming with six to 12 month timetables, meant shortcircuiting planning on some projects. One such project was the Stanhope Airport addition, which has come under fire by some local cottagers and environmen-

talists who say that the project received a green light without a thoroughgoing environmental assessment.

Devolin explained once again that tough times call for some stringent measures.

"What happened and what is still happening is obviously in a lot of larger projects it takes a while to get them rolling ... at the planning stage and the environmental assessment stage," said Devolin. "There is a bit of a lag and we tried to move as quickly as possible, and that is always a risky business in government when you try to speed up the approvals process."

He said that current statistics in the riding specified that our unemployment rate had risen to 10 per cent.

"Our area stretches from Perth to Owen Sound and double digit is never a good thing but we're hoping that it's cresting and will start going down again," said Devolin.

MP Barry Devolin speaks to a group of business people at a Chamber breakfast last week. /Photo by Terrance Gavan



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The problem with our geography

THE SPACES BETWEEN US defines us in the Highlands. The vast swaths of wooded land, lakes and hills conspire to give nature room to grow and thrive with little human interference. It's an incredibly precious thing and one of the reasons people seek out Haliburton County as a refuge at summer cottages, tourist locales or as full-time residents.

But what sets us apart from the city also sets us apart from one another quite literally and those who do not have the means or ability to buy and drive a car face a daily fight against isolation.

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and Lynn Higgs Thompson, who both work with dementia patients and their families, described some of the barriers to preventing Alzheimer's in the senior population of the county and – surprise – transportation is a major hindrance to the preservation of brain health.

That's because many brain-healthy programs, such as exercise classes, social groups and even medical clinic visits, can require expensive transportation for seniors on a fixed income.

The solution for Haliburton obviously can't be the same as for a city or even a mid-sized town. But that doesn't mean there isn't another way of doing things. We need to find that way.

Tricky business

This week we've premiered our business pages. Not a new concept at all, but one that has been on the back burner for a few years. We're endeavouring to give an update on the state of businesses in our community once every month.

What is hard about reporting on business news is that while everyone loves to celebrate successes of entrepreneurship, when things aren't so good, it can be a bit of a downer. And the newspaper has to balance that. We have to encourage those who put it all out there and open shop, but readers also need to know why other businesses close.

Luckily, there are far more success stories than anything else, so balancing the good and the bad shouldn't be hard.

Congratulations to Blue Sky Yoga on its first year anniversary and to the new owners Mumford Station (formerly Crossroads Café). Best of luck!



Eagle Lake Olympic Rink

Photo by Jayme Holmes

Unclehood

IF I SEEM a little stressed lately I am for good reason. In roughly three weeks I'm set to become an uncle – for the second time.

Just over a year ago I added this precious title to my resume after my sister gave birth to a beautiful little baby boy (you're contractually obligated by the way, to use words like "beautiful" and "precious" when describing any nieces and/or nephews) and shortly I will add another bud to the branch, only this time it's my brother that's having the kid (technically it's not him but I think you get that) and this time the It will be a She.

Most of you I'm sure are shrugging your shoulders at this personal proclamation, essentially declaring this a non-event.

It's really the mother that carries the burden you'll say, as if pregnancy is some sort of difficult procedure.

I mean complaining about 72 hours in constant physical discomfort and where all parts of you are tugging or aching or burning is, to me, a little melodramatic but maybe it's a guy thing.

Just think about unclehood (or is it uncle-dom?). This is a job that comes with a lot of pressure.

First you're going to have to remember the details as if it's your own kid. Born on a

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Thinking small

Friday, around 2, the doctor's name was Lloyd, weighed in at 6 lbs. 3 oz. To help me remember I pretend the birth is a fishing trip and the child is an impressive largemouth bass which seems to lock the statistics pretty solidly into my brain.

Then there's the name. Again you're expected to treat the details like it's your PIN number or the instructions to diffusing a nuclear device. Uncles who can't recall little Davina's third middle name are basically the scourge of the earth. Fumble with this at your own peril.

And there's the requisite pleasantries stage where you're forced to hold your tongue to avoid saying the wrong thing in describing the "little bundle of joy's" appearance, should anything be

(a) out of place (b) alien-like or (c) missing or extraneous. If the baby's ears are wrinkled for example, call them "textured"; if her skin is parched with red blotches, she simply sports "a rosy complexion."

I don't say this to sound mean. It (the little pud) is, in a roundabout way, part of my own flesh and blood so if it does indeed have an abundance of infant facial hair I need to realize even little werewolves need loving, especially the ones I'm related to.

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Kiss and tell

IT HAPPENED at a community potluck dinner, as memorable moments often do. One minute I was sitting there minding my own business, the next I was approached by a neighbour who substituted a sprig of parsley for mistletoe and then gave me a peck smack dab on the lips.

For the record, I only pecked back in self-defense.

In any case, Mary did this as a joke in response to a recent column that I wrote about mistletoe. Everyone, including our spouses, Carol and Brian, had a good laugh over it too. But even as she walked away, satisfied, I suspect, beyond her wildest dreams, I knew there would eventually be hell to pay.

So, when my wife and I got home that evening, I immediately addressed the elephant in the room.

"It meant nothing, you know," I said.

"What meant nothing?" Carol asked, obviously in complete and utter denial.

"My dalliance," I said.

"Are you talking about when Mary kissed you?"

"That's exactly what I am talking about. Now, can we please not make such a huge deal of it?" I pleaded. "For goodness sake, it's all in the past."

"And it lasted for about a second," she reminded me.

"Must you dredge this up again?" I yelled.

"I think you're overreacting," she said.

"Look, I was going through an extremely brief mid-life crisis, I swear! I was lonely and needed you but you were working behind that darn potato salad and, well, when Mary and Brian came along one thing led to another. I was seduced by the parsley..."

Unable to contain her pent up rage and jealousy, Carol snickered quietly.

There and then, I knew it was time to man up.

"Don't be upset with Mary either," I continued, quite nobly. "She got caught up in the magic of the moment. She's only human."

I then explained to Carol that potluck dinners exude a palpable aura of romance, especially when combined with fresh herbs.

"Any woman would have gone for it," I said.

"No doubt," she mumbled.

"Can you ever forgive me?" I asked.

"But there's nothing to forgive," she said bravely.

I faked a smile, teared up, and walked away, upset with myself. Sure, the parsley was relatively harmless; but what if Mary had held broccoli or asparagus over my head? I was full of self-loathing and doubt.

That was two days ago, and with a little work, Carol and I have moved forward and rebuilt what we once had.

That's not to say that there isn't going to be some fallout from the incident at a future date. No doubt, next time we are at a fancy restaurant and the server brings parsley as a garnish for the burger and fries, we'll have another dark episode where Carol broods, once more, about the ecstasy that Mary must have surely felt.

There's also the issue of shattered trust, which I tried to remedy the other day, by having Carol close her eyes and fall backwards into my arms. And it would have worked too, had I not left at that moment to check my voicemail.

I guess what I'm trying to convey is that the life of an international playboy is not all it is cracked up to be. Yes, there are the fancy potluck dinners with chili, bean salads, and three kinds of Swedish meatballs; sure, there are five different kinds of dessert, as well as coffee, tea and Sunny-D; true there is the occasional woman bearing sprigs of parsley.

But none of that is any good if your reputation within the local potluck dinner community is sullied. I'm sure word on the street is that I cannot be trusted around parsley or other leafy garnishes.

Of course that's not true. As for Mary? Well, that's a different matter altogether...

tales from



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galea*

Vinegar Hill



pic of the past

This week's pic of the past is of the Haliburton Esso hockey team. The year is unknown. If you can put any names to these faces please give us a call at the Echo office, 457-1037.

letters to the editor

Who do you believe?

To the Editor,

I see the tree huggers are screaming because they feel Canada is not doing enough to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. They claim that human-created climate change is real and that unless we cut back on our greenhouse gas emissions that our planet is circling toward disaster.

The United Nations International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) is a political, not a scientific body and it misrepresented the number of scientists who supported it claiming 2,500 when only 51 had actually signed its policy report. On the other hand, more than 31,000 scientists with degrees in fields directly related to climate and meteorology have signed a statement opposing the Kyoto accords and so called "global warming."

CO₂ and water vapour – the main so-called "greenhouse gases" are not pollutants. Both are essential to agriculture and indeed to all life on earth. Furthermore,

more, the global temperature does not follow CO₂ levels it lacks it. That is, higher global temperatures cause rising CO₂ levels, not the other way around.

A majority of climatologists and meteorologists agree that global temperatures are primarily driven by solar activity.

During the 1900s the temperature only went up seven degrees. Over the last 12 years the temperature hasn't risen any. Climate change is alarmist propaganda. Change is what the climate does. Human effort to prevent it from happening, the King Canute's legendary attempt to stop the tide from coming in, will be futile.

In a time of economic downturn we must not spend billions of dollars on Al Gore's pipe dream. This money must be spent on job creation.

Dave Switzer
Haliburton

Renovation time was best time

To the Editor,

We are in disbelief!! After waiting a couple of months for the unveiling of the new and improved McKecks, again we are with disappointment.

The word on the street is that it is just beautiful (even the bathrooms are very nice).

Once again our daughter who is in a wheelchair will not be able to enjoy a meal out with family and friends.

If I am not mistaken, I do believe that all businesses

are to be wheelchair accessible within the next couple of years ...why wasn't this put into the plan during the recent renovations? We know that stairs have always been a factor in the previous business, just thought that the renovations would prove to be satisfactory to carry us ALL into the 21st century. Tsk Tsk.

Mark and Lisa McKinna
Minden

See more letters on page 8

READERS WRITE

Peter Taylor has done a lot of good too

To the Editor,

When former Green Party candidate Doug Smith had a different opinion than an individual who works for the local MP he decided to call the office, bait the worker, engage in debate, all while taping the conversation without the employee's knowledge or permission.

Rather than questioning the motives and legality of Mr. Smith's decision to tape a conversation without Peter Taylor's knowledge, the *Echo* decided to make this a story and even offer a link to a "blog" for more information. I won't even mention how embarrassed the editor of the *Echo* should be for linking blogs to what is supposed to be credible paper in the county.

The story fails to point out that Peter Taylor has done more for the residents of Haliburton than most individuals, including politicians.

Talk to the thousands of residents who now have passports thanks to Peter's hard work. Talk to the seniors who now receive CPP because Peter has driven to Peterborough with them on his own

time to sit in front of CPP tribunals. Talk to the countless other residents who Peter has helped with EI, immigration or any other issue they bring to his desk.

The bottom line is Peter Taylor is always available and will always call you back. Just like he did with Doug Smith, a failed candidate who only had the support of seven per cent of residents when he ran for a party with no seats and virtually no support in the province.

In terms of the context of their debate, let's remember there are two sides to every debate and regardless of what a fringe party wants to say, there are credible scientists on both sides of the global warming debate. The *Echo* should encourage open debate on these issues, not the shady tactics used by Mr. Smith that were targeted and personal against one of the friendliest people in the area.

**Matthew Henley
Lindsay**

Editor's note: The blog referred to in this letter belongs to our reporter, Terrance Gavan.



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Rescued snowmobiler should pay for his rescue

To the Editor,

I'm hoping Troy Martin will be charged for the rescue effort or at least charged with some sort of vehicle offense for his New Year's Eve joyride. By his own admission he was going 130km/hr, on ice he was not familiar with. That has to be reckless driving. Also by his own admission "I'll defi-

nitely go out again." That indicates likelihood to re-offend.

I wonder how the 12 firefighters that had to respond to the call feel about those admissions, or the countless health-care workers that treated his hypothermia.

**David Baillie
Tory Hill**

Food or hydro?

To the Editor,

So monopoly strikes again!

Peoples' hydro bills are increasing (ours included) because of the so-called "Smart Meter," and there's nothing we can do about it.

With nothing to stand in their way, Hydro One is making us pay a lot more money for hydro.

Boy, if I could do away with it, I would. Unfortunately, it's something that we need, living as we do in the snow-encrusted northlands.

So before MP Barry Devolin sends out \$80,000 worth of circulars again

BEFORE WE GOT THE LAST TWO MAIL-OUTS – which will add to that amount – maybe he'd consider paying off some of the delivery charges of Hydro One for his constituents. That way, at least, we'd know where our tax dollars are going.

Increasing hydro rates are forcing some people to decide what they'll pay for ... food or hydro. What a choice.

**T. Walker
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HYDRO WOES

True price of electricity

To the Editor,

I have tried to keep my peace for the last three months as the *Echo* has rolled out letter after letter talking about the monsters at Ontario Hydro.

I am not implying that Hydro is "nice" or that the roll out of smart meters hasn't been a ham-fisted affair, but a little bit of reality mixed in with all the vitriol is in order.

Ontario heavily subsidizes its electricity to the tune of \$7.8 billion a year (*Macleans Magazine* online archive "One colossal waste") to avoid having to face the backlash from voters. That money should come from higher rates not the public coffers. If we paid the same rate per kilowatt as New York state we would be paying 19.94 cents per kw; in England? 30 cents.

Both selected areas are much more densely populated than Ontario.

Your recent letter writer should plug that one into her spreadsheet.

As a taxpayer are you not tired of paying for your fellow citizens waste? Houses that are badly insulted; cheap windows; old energyhog appliances; all never updated because it is cheaper to pay the electricity bill than to spend money on an energy efficient product, all of it subsidized by your tax dollars.

We are asked to conserve out of environmental concern while at the same time paying lower electricity rates than just about anywhere in the developed world.

As the owner of an off-grid home trust when you pay the true price for electricity you make sure lights are turned off, all appliances are super efficient, and every electronic device is on a powerbar.

**David Baillie
Tory Hill**

Get the FYI on OYAP

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Co-op student

Starting in second semester, for the first three months, eight students from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School will be taking part in an accelerated Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP).

In the accelerated OYAP program which students participate in apprenticeship training and postsecondary courses, while they earn credit that counts towards both their high school diploma and their apprenticeship certification.

How it all works is in semester one of Grade 12, students would take their Grade 12 academic compulsory courses at their home school, then in second semester they would take the in-school, Level 1 Apprenticeship Program for the first part of semester two at the college, followed by the OYAP/co-op placement for the final weeks of the school year. Interested Grade 11 students would take co-op in carpentry or hairstyling prior to their Grade 12 year.

The program includes all of the Muskoka

Area Secondary Schools and is in conjunction with Georgian College in Bracebridge. It offers apprenticeship in carpentry and hairstyling, in which five boys, Jeff Sharpless, Greg Sisson, Kyle Dollo (all in Grade 12) Erik Brookes and Curtis Hutchings (both in Grade 11) will be taking the carpentry apprenticeship and three girls, Megan Meharrie, Kelsey Barnum, Chelsea Tylee (all in Grade 12), will be taking the hairstyling apprenticeship.

"I heard about the program through a friend of mine, so me, Jeff and Greg checked it out, and decided to do it because we thought it would be a good opportunity for a career," Kyle Dollo said. "I'm so excited to be a part of it; still being in Grade 12 and going to college is sweet."

And a good opportunity it is, the majority of students in Ontario won't have the experience they'll be getting and these students will be graduating with a significant head start in an apprenticeship.

For more information, you can contact Laura Willis, OYAP coordinator, at l.willis@tldsb.ca or (705) 457-6436.

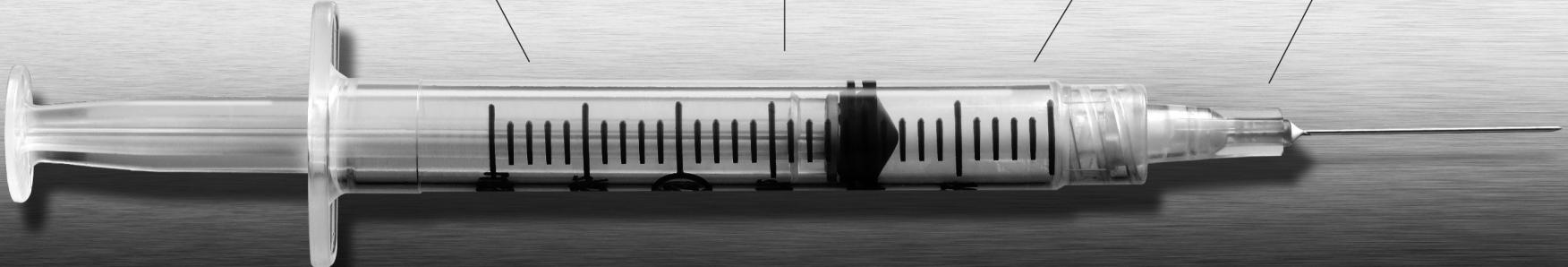
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MENTAL HEALTH

Dementia cases may double in next 30 years

JENN WATT

Editor

Haliburton County must be more responsive to the needs of seniors generally and dementia specifically if the "rising tide" of degenerative brain disease is to be quelled in the next 30 years.

A report released by the Alzheimer's Society recently predicted a two-fold increase in dementia patients between 2008 and 2038, which will cost the country more than \$153 billion a year if nothing is done to slow it down.

"The number of individuals [in Ontario] living with dementia will reach 395,540, and the number of new annual cases will triple to 98,620," says the society's press release.

In this county there are plenty of opportunities to harness new research into the disease if we are forward-looking enough to see it, two care providers say.

Carol Browne, seniors' health specialist with the Family Health

Team in Haliburton, and Lynn Higgs Thompson, the Alzheimer client services coordinator at SIRCH, both say there are concrete examples of how to slow the progress of the disease that can be accomplished today including increasing physical activity, healthy eating, mental stimulation and medications.

The problem in Haliburton is not that we don't know how to stave off the disease, but rather that we don't know how to get the widely dispersed, poor and marginalized population together for programming, treatment and help.

"We need to educate the public more so there's not so much stigma," Higgs Thompson said in an interview. "The stigma around dementia means people are not reaching out for help."

That help could dramatically slow the disease's progress, the report says.

"Increasing by 50 per cent the activity level of Canadians [age] 65 plus and the proportion of those that are already active

JENN WATT/Echo



Carol Browne, left, and Lynn Higgs Thompson both work with Alzheimer's patients and say better transportation and a retirement home would go a long way in promoting seniors' health.

would yield a 30-year reduction in direct health costs of \$31 billion and a reduction in total economic burden of \$52 billion," it reads.

And there are local programs to help seniors get moving – staving off not just dementia, but heart disease, diabetes, depression and a host of other ailments – but the supports to get them there aren't present.

"Seniors say, fine, you have activities, but how do I get there?" Browne said.

Higgs Thompson points out that it's not just the social appointments that are hindered by a lack of transportation, but also medical ones.

The geriatrician for this area, Jenny Ingram, works in Peterborough, leaving those who want medical help looking at a two-hour ride into town, if they can find a ride.

"You have to drive to Peterborough to see Dr. Ingram ... it's not easy and some of the [dementia] studies can take hours once you're there," Higgs Thompson said.

One solution for seniors is to move out of the isolated countryside and into town where more services are located, but they are then again faced with a challenge: wait years for seniors' subsidized apartments or move into the long-term care units, which are

geared to those who can no longer care for themselves.

"I have clients in the nursing home because they have nowhere else to go. They don't want to leave the community," Browne said.

"We desperately need a retirement home and an affordable one," Higgs Thompson said. She said the need in the county dictates that seniors will want housing with low monthly payments rather than investing in real estate and condos. Since so many have worked in seasonal, low-paying jobs, the benefits of more expensive accommodations are unreachable for Haliburton residents.

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HIGHLANDS EAST COUNCIL

Cost estimate jumped from \$200,000 to \$1 M

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the application, allowing it to go through, realizing that just because the application has been submitted doesn't mean it will be accepted.

However Councillor Gary Stoughton was very vocal in his opposition to that idea.

"This money is for one fire hall?" Stoughton asked incredulously.

"Well then take my name off of it. There's something wrong here."

Partridge agreed with both Mackie and Stoughton, saying spending a million dollars on a fire hall seemed outrageous.

"I think we should submit the application, but we should make sure we're very careful with the planning," said Partridge.

"People in the county will think we're mental if we tell them we're spending a million dollars on a new fire hall," said Mackie.

"Or it will just confirm we're mental," replied Stoughton.

"I would resign before spending a million dollars on a new fire hall."

After much discussion, council agreed the resolution to submit the application would be rescinded, allowing the municipality to reword the application to read "fire department infrastructure," therefore allowing the planning to include more than one building.

However, council was unanimous in wanting to be

“People in the county will think we're mental if we tell them we're spending a million dollars on a new fire hall.”

Deputy-reeve Jim Mackie

presented with clearly defined plans going forward.

"We need to see what Bill [Wingrove] has," said Partridge.

Plans brought forth so far include a fire hall complete with a new training facility for the firefighters.

Gooderham lake access denied

Residents of Gooderham will soon be able to enjoy Pine Lake once again as the issue of a blocked municipal access point was brought to the attention of council.

The access point in question is owned by the municipality, however, a neighbouring resident is claiming the territory belongs to him, and has since put up yellow tape, acting as a barrier for residents.

Complaints have been filed to the municipality regarding personal property that has been removed from the area by the resident and disposed of.

Council agreed that the area, known for the Mountainview Cottages located there, did in fact belong to the municipality, which has been made clear to the neighbouring resident many times.

"He comes from the city, he thinks he owns everything," said Councillor Stoughton, referring to the resident.

The municipality agreed the issue needed to be resolved as soon as possible due to the snowmobilers and other residents depending on that access and the safety repercussions associated with it being temporarily blocked.

Voting system readdressed for upcoming election

Plans are already underway for the municipal election set to take place on Oct. 25.

The municipality passed a resolution that Vote-by-Mail be used as an alternative voting method for the municipal elections this fall.

This will require the voter submit her ballot through the mail, as polls will not be set-up in the county.

Those who have questions regarding their ballot are welcome to stop into the municipal office for clarification, however the ballot received in the mail will still need to be completed for it to be legitimate.



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LOCAL ECONOMY

Farmers' market starts second season in black

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

The economy may be in disarray, but that isn't dampening the enthusiasm of a sinewy core of dedicated volunteers, board members and vendors belonging to the Haliburton Farmers' Market Association (HFMA).

Last year the association began operation on property owned by Roberts Marina on County Road 21 just across from the Beer Store plaza.

It was a hastily cobbled group that began their Friday market venture on a whim and a prayer, with only three months of prep time between the original idea in April and the first sale date on July 6.

About 35 HFMA members – interspersed with a handful of interested recruits – met last Wednesday evening at the Great Hall in Haliburton's Fleming College to pour over the books and elect some new officers.

Last year's board of directors, including John Patterson, Jean Tyler, Bob Smith, Angel Taylor and Chris Cullen,

expressed optimism about last year's success, but did say that they have some hurdles to clear as the association moves into their second season.

Perhaps the biggest stumbling block concerns the location of the market. Last month Smith appeared before Dysart et al council petitioning for a venue change to Rotary Park in downtown Haliburton. The board as a whole supports a move closer to the downtown core, the result of some straw polls taken at the farmers' market last summer.

Smith said that many cottagers and locals had suggested a move closer to downtown. He said that the delegation to Dysart came back empty when council informed them that the area in question, close to the tennis courts in Rotary Park, had already been designated for the new skateboard park.

Smith said that the board would be meeting with the Roberts Marina management later this month to ascertain whether their old location would still be available.

And Smith, who is the finance officer, maintained that the old location is still very viable.



About 35 members of the Haliburton Farmers' Market Association (HFMA) gathered in the great hall at Fleming College on Jan. 12. /Photo Terrance Gavan

The group finished \$1,481 in the black last year, said Smith, but added that if the farmers' market was forced to seek out other locations – some of which might come with a heftier rental fee – their bottom line might be affected adversely.

Smith's report also mentioned that a total of 34 vendors – 30 from Haliburton County – were involved in the inaugural Haliburton farmers' market venture.

Taylor specified that the market averaged 20 vendors for each sale and estimated that 400 to 500 customers utilized the market on a weekly basis.

The board said that tentatively the board would like to start earlier this year, on June 18, with the final market

pencilled in for Friday, Sept. 10.

They are also considering a change in operating hours, a change that would encompass a later opening and an extension of their afternoon closing, that decision on the heels of some input from Haliburton area shoppers who said they would like to be able to shop after work and not during their lunch hours.

The board announced that it will be holding a vendors' meeting on May 18.

Patterson and Cullen, will be stepping down from the HFMA board this year and a call for nominations to fill the spots resulted in the unanimous election of market vendors Megan Stong and Elaine Repath.

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RED HAWK BASKETBALL

Seniors win and juniors lose to visiting Aquinas Titans

TERRANCE GAVAN

Staff reporter

Some big players stepped out of the wings and onto centre stage last Tuesday at the Hawks Nest.

The Hal High Red Hawk senior basketball squad set the tone early against Lindsay's St. Thomas Aquinas with a tenacious defense and some aggressive offensive play courtesy of the surprisingly elegant Andrew Elia. The youngster stepped out of the shadows and up to the plate, laying down a signature performance on both sides of the paint.

When it was all said and done the Hawks avenged an earlier one-point loss to St. Thomas in the first game of the Kawartha season with a resounding 49-21 win.

Elia scored 10 points to lead all scorers in the contest, but it was his diligence in the paint and on both boards that earned him the most praise from his head coach Roland Zilla.

"Andrew played really well today," said Zilla, who added that he never doubted Elia's ability to produce in the clutch. "That's a good confidence booster for Andrew."

Luke Watson scored seven in the win over the Titans.

The Hawks were without the invaluable services of point guard Jesse Walker who couldn't play past the first quarter because of an injury.

Zilla said that J.J. Kerr filled in nicely, a factor that will come in handy as the season wears on. Walker – who skips for the Hal High curling team – may have to forego some basketball games later in the season because of scheduling conflicts.



Hawks forward Damon Flatman displays the textbook shooting form that earned him 19 points in a 60-40 loss against the Titans. Photos by Terrance Gavan.

"J.J. came in and had a great game when Jesse got hurt," said Zilla.

Zilla added that the team is on a roll and things are looking good as the team prepares for some time off during the exam break.

"We've beat Norwood and Fenelon Falls and we're on a nice run right now," said Zilla. The Hawks also defeated Lindsay Collegiate in Lindsay on Thursday afternoon, marking their second victory over AAA powerhouse LCVI.

Juniors lose to Titans

On the junior hoops side, the Red Hawks fell 60-40 to the visiting Titans from St. Thomas Aquinas in the second game of the doubleheader.

It was simply a question of too much Bobby Grant.

Grant, a tightly-wound package of rebounding, shooting and ball-handling skills scored 31 points in the contest.

Coach Paul Longo said that his Red Hawks were flat out dominated in the first half, but added that during half time he stressed a little more ball control with a goal to holding Grant off the scoresheet, getting the ball to Hawks' top scorer Damon Flatman and moving the ball a bit more on the perimeter. Mission accomplished on all fronts.

Flatman scored most of his 19 points in the second half and the Hawks were able to hold the ball for the good percentage shot, and they also managed to capitalize on a trapping press to score a few quick baskets in spurts during the final 16 minutes.

"We played much better in the second half," said Longo. "In fact we managed to play them to a tie in the last two quarters."



Hawks forward Andrew Elia, who led all senior scorers, drives hard on the baseline for two of his 10 points.

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TOURISM

Digital screens getting closer

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

The county's plan to install tourist information digital screens at locations in Minden and Haliburton is back on track after a bit of a snag.

"It has been a little problematic," the county's economic development director, Bob Smith, told councillors during an economic development committee meeting last week.

In the fall, county council voted to purchase two digital touch-screens from Haliburton-based Digital Footprints. The screens, which at the users' touch scroll through business and accommodation directories and connect to associated websites, are costing the county \$10,000 and company owner Keith Riley has had success with screens in a number of communities in the City of Kawartha Lakes and larger venues, such as the Air Canada Centre.

However, Smith told committee members last week that one of the screens had been damaged during shipping from the manufacturer and needed to be replaced. Another screen, which had arrived at Pearson International Airport on Dec. 21, had spent weeks in the airport's customs department because of some of its metal components.

"The selling process will start in earnest now," Smith said.

Riley himself is responsible for selling space on the screens to local businesses.

One screen will be set up at Minden's Hwy. 35 tourist information station and another at a location in Haliburton village.

Council decided the screens would be a good idea after Smith said the county receives complaints from tourists who arrive in the area after business hours and are unable to find information about local restaurants, businesses, events and accommodations.



Red Hawk Ashton Haley was red hot again last Monday night at the Dysart Barn. Haley, scored a pair of goals including the gamewinner as the Hawks stretched their unbeaten record to 7-0-1 with a 4-3 victory against the visiting Crestwood High Mustangs. /Photo by Terrance Gavan.

HOCKEY

Highland Storm Atom AE are #1

KARENA CROFTS

Manager of Highland Storm Atom AE

The Highland Storm Atom AE are first in their division and tied for first in points (29) with the Highland Storm Atom A team who are first in their division (A). Congratulations to all!

The Highland Storm Atom AE played their final regular season game against Gravenhurst on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at

7 p.m. in Gravenhurst. The team played well, even switching up lines and positions in the third so some players had a chance to play up and attempt to get some points. In the end the Storm won the game 5-0, a shut out for goalie Anthony Bertucca. Goals were scored by Jack Dobie (2), Greg Crofts (2) and Owen Smith. Assists by Jack Dobie, Jake Bull, Trevor Turner and Jacob Haedicke.

We are now heading into the playoffs (awaiting the schedule) for some more exciting hockey.

WINTER CONDITIONS

County doing their best clearing roads

CHAD INGRAM

Staff reporter

The county's roads crews are doing their best to keep County Road 21 clear of snow and ice, the county's road superintendent told councillors at a roads committee meeting on Jan. 13.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey said he had heard from residents that areas of the well-used roadway, particularly the bends, were sometimes icy and snow-covered and said he was concerned there had been a number of collisions on the road in recent weeks.

"Maintenance has been so good on that road and we seemed to miss it two weeks in a row," Fearrey said.

Road superintendent Doug Ray assured Fearrey that county roads workers were making regular passes of the road – up to three a day – in order to keep its conditions safe.

Ray said because of the time of year, there is some blowing of snow and that it will collect around bends.

There are also patrollers out checking road conditions every day of the week, Ray said.

During weekdays, one patroller will work a shift from 2 a.m. to noon and another will take over working a noon to 9:30 p.m. shift. On the weekends, a 24-hour shift is split between Saturday and Sunday.



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NEW BEGINNINGS

All aboard at Mumford Station restaurant

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

Jan Sorenson was trying to sneak in a few minutes of sleep before she sat down for an interview with the newspaper. Despite it being the middle of a Thursday afternoon, you can't blame her after hearing about the week she and her husband John have just endured.

Jan and John are the new owners of Mumford Station, formerly known as Crossroads Café, located in Wilberforce. The Sorensons have been working around the clock getting the café ready for its grand opening.

"Well our first day of business was on Friday [Jan. 8] and we've had a pretty steady first week of business," says Jan. "On Saturday there was standing room only as the place was packed with snowmobilers. I definitely wasn't expecting that."

Despite some unexpected surprises

during the first week of business, the restaurant industry is familiar territory for the Sorensons, who operated a restaurant with the same name in Harcourt for the past two years. After their lease ran up, the couple decided it was time for a new location.

"We approached the owner of Crossroads Café and she was very interested in retiring from the business," says Jan. "So soon enough we were able to start transforming this place into our own."

The transformation, which has just begun, has already given the café a fresh coat of paint, extended hours (from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.) and an improved layout.

"There is so much we'd like to do with the place," says Jan. "We're even considering pushing one of the walls back to accommodate extra tables to provide additional seating."

Looking around the restaurant, extra seating is exactly what is needed as every table is filled with patrons. Con-



Business has been steady at Mumford Station since it opened its doors on Jan. 8. The café, located in Wilberforce, features a reasonably priced diner style menu and cozy neighbourhood atmosphere. /Photo Angelica Blenich

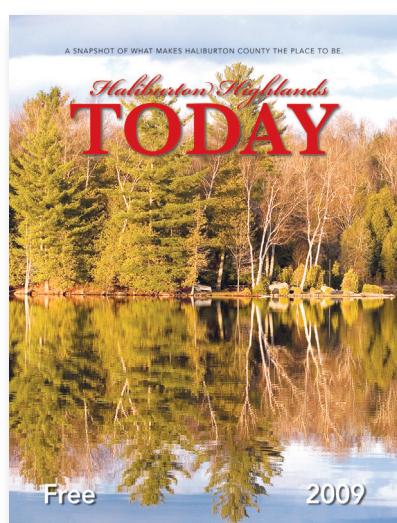
scious of the area and the clientele they are attracting, priorities such as keeping prices reasonable and offering a friendly family style dining option are important to the new owners.

"I have a very loyal following," says Jan referring to the years spent in Harcourt and the relationships that were formed there. "I rely a lot on the cottagers that come here in the summertime, but also on the locals, who carry me

throughout the entire year. It's also important that the people in this area know us, my husband and I have lived in Wilberforce for over 20 years now."

However the demands of running a restaurant have left very little time for the Sorensons to enjoy the scenery the area has to offer.

"We live on the lake that we never see," jokes Jan. "I didn't even get out to the lake last year. I think it's still there."



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Pinestone welcomes new general manager

Stefan Bjelis, newly appointed general manager at the Pinestone resort, and his wife Elena spent the evening meeting with the Haliburton community on Jan. 14. /Photo Angelica Blenich

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Blue Sky Yoga celebrates first birthday

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

I am lying on my back, my eyes are closed, and I am focused on my breathing. Inhale, exhale. Be aware of your breath I am being told, feel your breath in your body.

The floor is heated, the room is silent and the atmosphere is blissful.

I am not relaxing on an exotic island far away from the cold winter. There is no sand beneath my feet, no delicious daiquiri in hand.

I am staring out the window at Pine trees covered in snow. It's a Wednesday evening and I haven't even ventured beyond the boundaries of Haliburton. My body has found a temporary home at the Blue Sky Yoga studio, located on Dysart Ave. I am six minutes into my very first yoga class.

Yoga, you may be thinking, is just another fitness fad, a celebrity trend, a spiritual New Age movement. It's all about meditation, about stretching your body in weird ways. I'm no Jennifer Aniston, you may find yourself thinking, why would I try yoga?

It's time to change positions. I am now up on my feet, hands stretched out over my head.

Soon I am instructed to go back down on the mat, legs stretched out behind me, back arched, head down. Downward dog. That is what this position is called. Who comes up with these names, I wonder to myself. The Yogis, I am told, almost as if the instructor can read my mind.

There are 13 other participants in the introduction to yoga class. It might as well be called "you don't know what you're doing, but relax, neither does anybody else." Even amongst the first time jitters throughout the studio there is an overwhelming presence of calm and enjoyment.

The Blue Sky studio is celebrating its one-year anniversary this month. Lynda Shadbolt is a full-time yoga teacher and the studio is her full-time home. Or maybe it just feels that way.

"We've had a great first year," says Shadbolt, referring to the studio and all who have passed through it in the last 12 months. "It truly is a beautiful facility for people to take care of their bodies."

Shadbolt began her career as a yoga instructor after a job she had with the government ceased to exist. She embarked on a yoga retreat and on a path that altered



Andy Cooper, Christina Rico and Jeanette Charron stretch out their anxiety on a sunny Thursday morning at a moderate yoga class at the Blue Sky studio, in Haliburton.
/Photo Angelica Blenich

her life for the better.

"I suffered from a pinched sciatic nerve," she explains.

"For years I was injured and then once I began doing yoga my body began to heal and all of sudden my injury was gone."

After numerous moves throughout the community, different studios and a maternity leave, Shadbolt finally found a nesting spot she can call her own.

"I've taught yoga in all different places throughout Haliburton," says Shadbolt, "but I always thought it would be nice to have my own space. Then Katie [Hammerschmidt] approached me about what she had in mind for adding onto her facility and I was on board from the beginning."

Now the studio operates six days a week, almost every week of the year.

Classes range from introductory courses to specialized classes that focus on yoga for athletes, golfers and mediators, just to name a few.

She has even offered special events and workshops during the past year, such as a Salsa Babies class, which welcomes new moms to dance up a storm with tots in tote.

"People are looking for ways to take care of their body," says Shadbolt.

"People get hooked on yoga for all different reasons, whether it's because of injuries or fitness. There are all kinds of benefits to be gained from it."

For Shadbolt, making yoga a full-time occupation was a no brainer.

"I love the positive language and imagery of yoga," she says. "The stillness and movement, the time and quiet attention you give yourself. It truly relaxes you, and teaches you how to use those tools when you're out in the world."

The studio has also transformed into a home away from home for many of the residents of Haliburton who have been supporting it since it first opened its doors.

"I feel so lucky to live here," says Shadbolt. "Haliburton is a great spot. The people are the true inspiration. We inspire and support each other. The biggest thing about yoga is the community."

Shadbolt has many plans in the works for the upcoming year but you wouldn't catch her frowning if things stayed the way they are now.

"I'm really pleased with the past year we had," she says.

"I love watching people's faces when they come into the studio and then watching how they transform, allowing themselves to soften and relax. That's what keeps me going."

Speaking of going, it's time for me to leave the warm studio behind and head back out into the brisk frigid air.

But only for a few days, until I return and practice my downward dog yet again.

Village Barn set to reopen after devastating fire

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Co-op student

The following are brief reports on business happenings in Haliburton County.

After the fire at the Village Barn, owner Anthony VanLieshout says that the renovations are going well and should be done in about two weeks. Stores that will be returning are Master's Bookstore and Cottage Dreams and the front unit has been rented out to another business. The downstairs units are available to

rent for anyone who would be interested.

The Source relocates

The Source moved to the main street of Haliburton. They had a successful move from their past location just past Country Rose. The reason they decided to make the trek was because their previous building was about to be sold and they moved before any problems could arise.

Starr returns from retirement

Another shop that has just recently popped up on

Highland St. is The Haliburton Furniture store owned by George Starr.

The building opened up in September. Starr decided he needed to start working again after taking about 10 years off.

He only carries Ashley Furniture products in his store and you can either reach him at 457-2009 or just drop in and pay him a visit.

New owners

Congratulations to Sam Guerra of Mishoa Holdings Inc. who bought the Stedman's building.

FOOD FOR KIDS

Cash in empty bottles to fill empty tummies

When returning empties in January, local residents can help ensure students in Haliburton County do not run on empty at school.

This month, the Gooderham Liquor Store and Haliburton Beer Store will make it easy for people to make donations to the Food For Kids program. Haliburton County Food For Kids is the organization that raises funds to support school nutrition programs, which help students get enough to eat so they can learn in class.

Throughout January, when people bring back empty beer and liquor bottles to the Gooderham Liquor Store, the deposits will be donated to Food For Kids. Anyone who returns their empty bottles outside of business hours can place them at the back of the Gooderham Liquor Store.

At the Beer Store in Haliburton Village, a donation box will be set up during the month of January. Custom-

ers are encouraged to donate their deposit refunds to Food For Kids.

"When children are hungry, their learning suffers in the classroom," says Rosie Kadwell, a member of Food For Kids. "This initiative helps turn empties into food, and is another great example of how the community can work together to ensure students in Haliburton County are well fed and ready to learn."

Each week in Haliburton County, school nutrition programs provide more than 3,500 breakfasts or snacks to local students. Nutrition programs are free for students, and participation is voluntary. Studies show that when students have access to safe and nutritious food, their learning is improved in the classroom.

*Submitted by the
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Saturday, July 25th, 2009

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Various churches from the county hosted the breakfast as religious leaders prayed for both members of our government and public servants.

CHURCH



Praying for others

It was a full house at the Pinestone on Jan. 14 as leaders from the community attended the first ever Leaders Prayer Breakfast. The event drew 125 people, including local MP Barry Devolin. While speaking at the event, Devolin mentioned the need for all Canadians to reach out and help our Haitian neighbours. In response, church leaders passed the hat and more than \$1,400 was raised in a few minutes.

Left, Pastor Dave Bretzlaff, of Lakeside Baptist church, lead the group in prayer at the event.
/Photos by Angelica Blenich

For the twelfth year the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation decorates trees located in the front lobbies with tags sponsored by gifts from our generous supporters.

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■ AGRICULTURE

Wilberforce agricultural society hopes for \$40,000 grant

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

The Wilberforce Agricultural Society (WAS) got the ball rolling with plans for the upcoming year at its annual general meeting, held on Jan. 9 at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

The meeting addressed a variety of topics, such as nominations for various positions within the society and a thorough financial report, given by society secretary Carol Lee.

The organization focused on plans for this year's fair, scheduled to take place on Aug. 6 and 7. Plans are already underway for the 27th annual fair, which includes a horse draw, various animal exhibits and plenty of food and entertainment to last the entire weekend.

A number of issues were raised regarding this year's event, including adequate space for parking and methods to help reduce overall costs for the fair. The majority of the fair's costs stem from sizeable cash prizes awarded for various competitions at the event, such as the horse draw and the goat show.

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Lee brought up the subject of insurance for the fair, notifying the committee that a letter had been written to the Highlands East municipality asking for the fair's insurance to be included within the municipality's insurance. This, explained Lee, would benefit the society greatly as they spent just more than \$1,800 on insurance for last year's fair. The society had yet to receive a response from the municipality.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie and Warden Dave Burton, who were in attendance, explained to committee members that the municipality is undergoing a change in insurance companies and once the changeover has been finalized the fair board's request will be considered.

Discussion surrounding plans for the fair's future arose when Joanne Vanier notified the society of an application that had been submitted for a "Celebrate" fair grant, on behalf of the WAS.

Vanier explained to the group that a fair of their size could be awarded up to \$40,000 in funds. The lengthy application included questions such as what the fair's overall attendance is and how far and wide do those in attendance travel to get to the fair.

Vanier suggested that if the WAS planned on applying for similar grants in the future the committee might

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want to reevaluate how it keeps track of significant records and numbers regarding the event.

According to Vanier the official results of the Celebrate grant are announced to the public in March.

Admission prices were also addressed by the society, after it was pointed out that the fee has remained the same for the past three years.

The committee quickly came to the unanimous decision to keep the prices the same for another year, as a response and reflection of the current economic state. Therefore prices for the fair will stay at \$5 for adults and \$8 for a weekend pass, while children under 16 get in for free.

For more information regarding the fair, including updates on this year's event, visit www.wilberforcefair.com.

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CANADIAN AID

Devolin urges residents to help Haiti's earthquake victims

Local MP Barry Devolin is expressing his sympathy to those struck by the recent earthquake in Haiti.

"I am deeply saddened by reports that thousands of people have been killed, and tens of thousands more have been injured and left homeless," said Devolin. "In particular, I am concerned about reports of Canadians killed or injured, and the more than 100 Canadians who have taken refuge at our embassy in Haiti."

The Hon. Lawrence Cannon, Canada's minister of foreign affairs, announced that the first wave of international evacuees has arrived in the Dominican Republic, including some 100 Canadians who will continue on to Montreal to arrive late this evening. They will be arriving on the Hercules aircraft that travelled to Haiti yesterday. Over the next few days, our government hopes to evacuate as many Canadians as possible as we continue our operations in Haiti.

The Hon. Bev Oda, minister of international cooperation, announced this morning that Canada will match contributions of individual Canadians to eligible Canadian charitable organizations, in support of hu-

manitarian and recovery efforts in Haiti, to a total of \$50 million. CIDA will allocate these funds to established Canadian and international humanitarian and development organizations that have an established presence in Haiti.

While attending a Leaders Prayer Breakfast in Haliburton Thursday, Devolin mentioned the need for all Canadians to reach out and help our Haitian neighbours. In response, church leaders passed the hat and more than \$1,400 was raised in a few minutes.

"I am deeply moved by the generosity of Canadians and the out flowing of support. Information is available on the Canada Revenue Agency website for those who wish to make a charitable contribution towards relief efforts in Haiti," said Devolin. "Our government encourages Canadians to consult this information, in order to free our emergency lines for people in need."

Friends and relatives in Canada seeking information on Canadian citizens believed to be in Haiti should contact the emergency operations centre by calling 1-800-387-3124. They may also send an email to sos@international.gc.ca.

The government will update Canadians as the situation evolves at: http://www.international.gc.ca/humanitarian-humanitaire/earthquake_seisme_haiti.aspx.

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HHSS Grade 11 drama students present three, one act plays that highlight teen issues on Jan. 22 at the Pavilion.

HHSS students perform Under the Influence

On Friday evening, January 22, the HHSS Grade 11 Drama Class will be presenting their Docudrama & Final Exam Production: *Under the Influence* at 6 p.m. in the theatre.

The program is a component of Elke Zilla's (Theatre In Education) initiative: Class Acts. These short plays offer a dramatic perspective to teen issues and concerns through a variety of dramatic conventions.

The Docudrama : Under The Influence features three one act plays highlighting different scenarios involving alcohol and impaired judgment.

Featured short plays:

- *Libby Pierce Drinks* by Tim Mogford
- *Too Much Punch for Judy* by Ken Wheeler
- *Only 17* an adaptation from a letter that has appeared several times in the Ann Landers column.

A showcase of monologues, poetry and music all help support the theme and the cause.

One of these plays will be selected to participate in The Sears Drama Festival in Barry March 1-6. The proceeds from Friday's docudrama will help fund this exciting endeavour.

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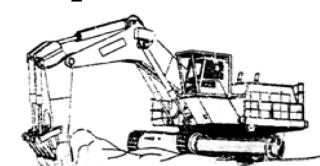
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Bantams and Atom A dominate tournaments

WADE MACINNES AND MONICA KEEFER

Special to the Echo

After defeating Oshawa, Bancroft and Napanee to capture the Gananoque Bantam Hockey Tournament in late December the Highland Storm Bantams were in Warsaw, Ont. playing in the Douro Invitational Tourney on Jan. 9. The first game at 8 a.m saw the Storm easily handle the Lakefield Chiefs in a 6-1 tilt. Game 2 versus the Otonabee Wolves would be a different story as the Storm was caught napping and the Wolves built up a 5-1 lead two minutes into the second period. The Storm wouldn't say uncle and kept chipping away and with some beautiful playmaking managed to tie it at six early in the third. With three minutes remaining in the game, the Storm lads would score the go-ahead goal capping off an amazing comeback win.

In the championship game the host Douro Dukes showed lots of gusto, but the Storm had more left in the tank. After trading goals in the first, the second period saw the Storm light the lamp three times while the Dukes managed a single. It was a dog fight in the third but neither team could cash so the Storm held on to win the championship 4-2. (Awesome hockey!)

On Jan. 16 the Highland Storm Bantams opened up their OMHA playdowns in Haliburton against the Schomberg Redwings. The Storm won home ice advantage thanks to Dave McKay and his two-headed coin. (Thanks Dave!) In front of a packed house and with the home crowd cheering the Storm put it to the Wings in a 7-4 route. Special mention goes out to the "buck and a half line" – Taylor Rowbotham, Tanner Hamilton and Donovan MacInnes who showed everyone in attendance how the game should be played. Game 2 on Jan. 17 in Schomberg where the Redwings were out for redemption and came at the Storm with both barrels blasting.

The Wings were up 3-0 going into the third when the Storm finally got on the board. There would be no miracle comeback on this day as the Redwings played great team defence holding on for a 3-1 victory. The series knotted at



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one apiece will shift to Haliburton for Game 3 Friday, Jan. 22 at 8:30 p.m.

The teams will head back to Schomberg for Game 4 on Saturday, Jan. 23 and if a Game 5 is necessary it would be in Minden on Jan. 24 at 4 p.m. Come on out and cheer on our Highland Storm boys!

Lastly, the Highland Storm Bantam team, players, coaches, parents and grandparents express their deepest sympathy to Scotty, Heather and Tanner Hamilton for the loss of the toughest little man that we have ever known. Dawson will be forever missed but not forgotten.

Atom A tourney champs

Another exciting weekend of hockey for Highland Storm Atom A. Many boys walking away with hat trick awards. Friday we faced off against Tweed at the Memorial Centre walking away with a 17-1 win. Next the boys faced

off against Norwood at the Kinsman Arena battling hard for a winning 7-3, travelling to Ennismore arena winning 9-2 against Port Stanley. Sunday morning the boys battled hard beating Parry Sound 6-3, putting us into the A finals.

hard beating Fury Sound 3-3, putting us into the A finals. Travelling back to the Memorial Centre facing off against Centre Hastings, having played this team before we knew we were in for a battle. Chase Burden put us on the score board. With a 1-0 lead after the second. Centre Hastings came back with a goal to put them on the score board. With a 1-1 tie after the third, we went into 10 minute overtime. The boys battled hard and Josh Belfluer made many amazing saves. The boys went with effort from end to end. A window of opportunity came with 17 seconds remaining on the clock, Chris Thompson scored making us the A champs.

Congratulations goes out the the Atom AE team for a great weekend as well, from the Atom team and parents.

The logo for Larry Miscio Logging features the company name in large, bold, black, outlined letters at the top. Below the name is a graphic illustration of a stack of four logs on the left, with a small campfire consisting of two sticks and a flame to the right of the logs. To the right of the illustration, the words "Split Firewood" and "Firewood Logs" are stacked vertically in a large, bold, black font. At the bottom, the word "PHONE" is written in a stylized, outlined font, followed by the phone number "754-3762".

The logo for Sharp Electric features the company name in a bold, sans-serif font. A large, jagged lightning bolt graphic cuts through the letters 'p' and 'e'. To the right of the bolt, there is a black starburst shape containing the text 'GENERATORS & EMERGENCY BACK UP POWER SYSTEMS'. Below the main title, the services offered are listed: 'ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING & SERVICE', 'COTTAGE • HOME • COMMERCIAL • INDUSTRIAL', 'Supplies • Water Heater Repairs • Electric Heat • Pole Lines • Hydro Poles', and 'ESA Contractor #7002795'. The bottom left corner features the Kohler Power Systems logo with the text 'Authorized Dealer'.

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Kelly Bell visited Haliburton's Head Lake Park and snapped this photo of footprints over the bridge.



Kelly Bell also spied wildlife along the way. Above, a white tailed deer and on the left, the stare of a wolf.



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JESSICA:
*Diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes
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Marcus Beach Cottages is seeking a reliable and flexible maintenance person to work on a year-round basis. Marcus Beach is a fractional property with 19 cottages on 43 acres of land on Lake Kashagawigamog. The property requires on-going maintenance for the cottages and for beaches, docks and wooded property for all of the seasons. This individual reports to the Property Manager and needs to be dependable, in good physical condition and able to work independently.

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Interested individuals should fax their resume to 705 457 4907.

Deadline for applications will be January 31, 2010.
We thank all those who apply, but only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.



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KINDERGARTEN

All schools to offer program by 2015

from page 1

in an accommodation review process, another restriction by the ministry.

The fact that none of Haliburton County's schools qualify this year for full-day kindergarten doesn't mean it won't be coming here, Pengelly wrote.

"The full-day option will roll out in Haliburton some time in the coming three years – we will not know when until the ministry guides us in that decision," she wrote.

To implement the program once it is at full capacity in 2015 will cost the Ontario government \$1.5 billion a year, something MPP Rick Johnson called "the right thing to do," despite the recession.

Part of that funding includes having adequate teaching and support staff for kids.

"We're definitely, as a school board, looking forward to this for our four- and five-year-olds not only for next year but the years after," Trillium Lakelands interim director of education Warren Rosborough said.

When the program does arrive in the county, it will still be up to the parents whether to enroll their kids, as has always been done in Ontario.

But those who want to keep the half-day status quo may find it difficult – busing will only be offered in the morning and afternoon, leaving parents to shuttle their kids themselves.

"Kindergarten is still optional," he said. "But I think once parents see that all the other kids are there ... when my kids were little, they couldn't wait to get to school."

With files from Jason Bain, Lindsay Post

Notices



Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, intends to pass a by-law to dispose of certain lands that have been declared as surplus in the Township of Dysart, County of Haliburton, more particularly described in Schedule "A" hereto;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the purpose and effect of the proposed by-law is to authorize the sale of the said lands to 882025 Ontario Inc.;

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that any person wishing to comment on the proposed sale should submit such comments in writing to the CAO/Clerk at the address set out below on or before the 2nd day of February, 2010.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed by-law will come before the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Dysart et al, at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton, Ontario on the 8th day of February, 2010 at 10:30 a.m.

DATED at Haliburton and first published this 19th day of January, 2010.

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SCHEDULE "A"

Part Lot 6, Concession 2, Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al being 1057 Koshlong Lake Road.

Come see the house this community built

Places for People Open House

January 29, 4:30 – 6 p.m.

19 George St., Haliburton

Places for People, our local version of Habitat for Humanity, is delighted to invite the community to join us in celebrating the completion of the renovation of 19 George, the old Orange Hall, into the first new affordable rental housing that has been created in Haliburton County in the last great while.

Places for People will welcome the

public from 4:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29. Light refreshments will be served, and there will be a brief ceremony at 5 p.m. The primary purpose of the event is to allow the community an opportunity to view the transformation that has resulted, within a very brief time, through the combined effort of dedicated volunteers, local businesses, and supporters. The two families who are our first tenants will move in on Jan. 31.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the *Planning Act*, and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday February 8th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-097/09
Applicant: HARCOURT PARK INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 3, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: Lease
2. File No. H-103/09
Applicant: HARCOURT PARK INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 4, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Harcourt
Nature of the Application: Lease
3. File No. H-108/09
Applicant: Jean STOCKFORD
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 25, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: Lot addition & right-of-way
4. File No. H-109/09
Applicant: 1697689 ONTARIO INC.
Location of the Property: Pt. Lot 17, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office *by appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 19th day of January, 2010.

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WILBERFORCE

Agnew General Store raises \$1,400 with BEAR Books project

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Seemingly small projects sometimes produce surprisingly good results. How do you raise \$1,400 in a year and support five groups/agencies that provide assistance in a variety of areas?

At Agnew's General Store they did just that with their ongoing BEAR Books project. Books are generously dropped off at the store for others to Borrow Enjoy And Return. In 2009 BEAR Books donated \$500 to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, \$200 to Wilberforce Figure Skating, \$200 to Wilberforce Minor Hockey, \$200 to the Wilberforce Public School and \$300 to Word of Life Outreach. Thanks to Agnew's and to all who have made this such a successful project once again. Donations of good quality, clean books are welcome.

The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will be held this week at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21 at the Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House. All are welcome to attend in support of the WHG, which operates this unique museum. Refreshments available.

Call it a loonie lunch or maybe soup-a-licious, but do plan to enjoy it at St. Margaret's Anglican church on Thursday, Jan. 28. All are welcome to this soup and bread luncheon between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. There will also be some sweets to enjoy with your tea or cof-

fee. Contribute a loonie. If you don't have a loonie, come anyway. All donations for this meal will be donated for the relief of the people of Haiti who are suffering so greatly after the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Eight teams of curlers participated in a mixed bonspiel at the Wilberforce Club on Friday and Saturday Jan. 15 and 16.

Competition was keen throughout the tournament. Going into the final round this was very evident. On one ice the Martinek and Stephen teams were within three points of each other. On the other ice there were only 1.25 points between the Kellar and Lewis teams. Joe Martinek's team of Ginny Carmichael, Colleen Ward and Nadia Martinek had some fine ends and won first place in the bonspiel with 55.75 points. The Blaine Lewis team of Tammy Vaughan, Gerry Guiton and Karin Guiton won that last game and finished second in the spiel with 38.75 points.

With a third place tie between the Stephen and Stickland teams with 38 points each they were required to play one more end to break the tie. Chris Stickland's team of Daryl Sands, Teresa Smith and Stew Garland won the playoff and took third place in the bonspiel. Ron Roberts played the Friday evening game for that team. Congratulations to all the winners.

The club appreciates the work of Melanie Lewis in her convening of this successful bonspiel again this year. Melanie and all members of the club thanks all the generous sponsors and volunteers who contributed prizes, some of the refreshments and their time. It was good to have curlers from the Haliburton Club and the players from Cannington area who were part of the Coumbs teams take part in this fun bonspiel.

More good news concerning places at which to dine in this area. The Algonquin Cookhouse in Harcourt has reopened – yes, both sections. The front part has been refurbished and redecorated. The main room with its striking fireplace is a welcoming dining area again. The Cookhouse is open from Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. for lunch and dinner. On Saturday and Sunday breakfast from 8 a.m. will be available also. Great menu. Great destination. Call 448-2322 for more information.

Coming Events

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HALIBURTON LEGION

Maclay Experience rings in new year

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Ethel Galvin
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A good time was had by all those who danced their way into 2010 at the branch. Thanks go out to the Maclay Experience for providing the music. We wish everyone a safe, healthy, happy 2010.

Unfortunately in December the general meeting had to be cancelled because of weather conditions.

Due to the snowstorm on the day of the Christmas meat draw, there was a poor turnout, which was understandable, as the police were requesting people to stay off the roads if possible. However our licensing didn't allow us to change the date so it was not a profitable day.

Meat draws are held every Friday from 4:30 to 6:30 and are open to the public.

The early bird membership draw was won by Tom Henderson so the branch will be paying his membership for 2011. Thank you to all who purchased their memberships before Nov. 30 and a reminder to all that if you haven't paid your dues yet please do so before you lose clubroom privileges.

Donations totalling \$1,300 were approved for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Haliburton Skating Club and the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

There will be a \$1,000 jackpot bingo on Wednesday, Jan. 27. Volunteers are needed to help at the bingos, especially from 6 to 7 p.m. Please think about giving us just one hour of your time once a week or even every other week.

There will be no brunches in January but hopefully they will begin again in February. Volunteers are needed especially cooks. It is not a requirement to be a Legion member.

The annual Legion public speaking contest will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6, beginning promptly at 1 p.m. Contestants should be there by 12:30 to register, especially if they haven't participated through the schools. For more information call Brian Hambly at 754-3319.

Saturday, Feb. 13 is Frost Fest in Haliburton and the branch is providing a roast beef dinner in the evening. Dinner will be served between 5 and 7 p.m. and there will be a silent auction. The cost is only \$15 per person including tax. There are a limited number of tickets available.

We send our best wishes and prayers to all who are not in the best of health. And to those who have lost friends and family members. We especially want to express our condolences to Gail Scott and the family of Bill Scott who passed away on Jan. 8. Bill will be greatly missed.

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ELEANOR COOPER

West Guilford news

Merrill and Merrie Barry are justly proud of their grandson, Devyn Prentice's participation in the International Silver Stick Atom AE Championship. The same can be said of Karina and Kevin Crofts's pride in their son Greg in the same championship, which took place in Niagara Falls on Sunday, Jan. 10 when the team contended against the New York team to win second place in the finals. Devin and Ryan Prentice also on the team are grandsons of Tom Prentice of Minden.

All concerned are to be congratulated on this fine achievement by the Highland Storm. Seventy-two teams skated in this competition.

A correction is necessary as to the name of a member of the Community Centre board. It should have been Sandi Lucknow.

Euchre on Tuesday evening past was recognized by the group as Skunk's Night. The Euchre club asked me to mention it as such. In this category are: Emile Dunchene, Myra Marshall, Ed Meunzel, Barbara Brownsberger, Perry Morrison. In the ordinary scoring, high was Myra Marshall and Ivan Kernoan. Low was Barbara Brownsberger and Ray Campbell, most lone hands Pearl Kernoan and Cliff Davison.

Cathy McStmurray of Nila Road now on Canoe FM as Cathy Mark, interviewed Lisa Marasse on her Wednesday morning program regarding Alzheimer's Disease. For information or to invite Lisa to speak to any local social, excercise or church group call 1-800-765-0515.

It is so sad to report the death of Fred Crewson, long-time resident on Pine Lake. Many were the friends who gathered at the visitation and funeral to express sympathy and regret to his wife Norma and their family last week.

Highland Storm Atom AEs play tourney in Peterborough

KARENA CROFTS

Manager Highland Storm Atom AE

The Highland Storm Atom AEs along with the Highland Storm Atom As participated in the 52nd Peterborough Liftlock Tournament Jan. 15, 16 and 17. The Atom AEs were in the D division and the Atom As in the DD. As of the writing of this article, the Atom As were playing for the championship in their division at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough and I do not know the outcome of their game.

The Atom AEs played their first game Jan. 15 at 3 p.m. at the Memorial Centre against the Ottawa Sting Killer Bs, not a pretty game but the boys came alive in the third period and won 4-3, with a hat trick trophy going to Alex Wilbee the other goals by Trevor Turner, assists by Trevor Turner, Greg Crofts, Jake Bull, Jack Dobie, Alex Wilbee and Carter O'Neill.

The first game Jan. 16 was at the Kinsmen Arena against the Nepean Raiders Red, another close game with the Storm getting most of their goals in the third period to win 4-3. Goals by Jake Bull, Trevor Turner, Owen Smith and Carter O'Neill, assists to Carter O'Neill, Jacob Haedicke, Devyn Prentice and Greg Crofts. The second game of the day was at 1:45 p.m. at the Evinrude Centre against the Peterborough Nats Minor AE.

This game was a blow out in the third period, so for once the parents were not biting their nails in nervousness of the outcome of the game. The Storm won 12-0, with hat trick trophies going to Greg Crofts and Owen Smith and a shut out trophy to goalie Anthony Bertucca. Because of the score, other goals and assists are too numerous to mention.

On Sunday the 17th the boys were playing to win and get to the championship game at the Memorial Centre, but were defeated by the Stittsville Rams Black 3-1, our only goal by Jake Bull, assisted by Jack Dobie and Owen Smith. The boys moved onto the consolation championship for the D division once again matched against the Ottawa Sting. This was an exciting game with the Storm getting a two-goal lead in the second period with two breakaways by Greg Crofts, they held onto this lead until halfway through the third period and the Stings tied it up which forced an overtime period. The Storm came out full force determined to win and did so with the winning goal scored by Trevor Turner with assist going to Greg Crofts. The boys come home D series consolation champs. Greg Crofts received a MVP trophy and Trevor Turner received cheers and grateful congrats from his teammates and their families. The team had their photo taken with the trophy they received but will stay in Peterborough. Now the playoffs begin!!

community calendar

What's happening in the County

Post your event for free on the web. Go to: www.mindentimes.ca or to the  Haliburton Highlands Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

- January 21: The annual meeting of the Wilberforce Heritage Guild will be held at the Red Cross Outpost in Wilberforce – Join us at 7:00 pm. All welcome. Refreshments.
- January 21: Free Separating Spouses Seminar in Peterborough from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Are you dealing with separation or divorce? Learn how to reduce conflict during separation and work together for the sake of children. Learn about the legal and court process and the benefits of using mediation to reach agreements. Pre-registration is required. Free information is always available at the Family Law Information Centre located at the family courts in Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg. Call Four Counties Family Mediation at 705-760-9603 or 1-888-605-1393.
- January 23: Movie Night - Join us at the Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Road at 7 pm. The Gifted Hand, the Ben Carson Story featuring Cuba Gooding Jr.
- January 26: Family Games Night at the Minden OEYC from 5:00 to 7:00 pm - Join us for a light supper and a night of fun and games. For families with children ages 3-6 years, siblings welcome. Please sign up by January 21 at the Minden Centre or 705-286-1770.
- January 27: Haliburton OEYC is celebrating Family Literacy Day with Family Games Day from 10:00 – 11:30 am - Join us for a light snack and a morning of fun and games. For families with children ages 3-6 years, siblings welcome. Please sign up by January 21 at the Haliburton Centre or 705-457-2989.
- January 27: Minden Library Visit – We will be walking to the new Minden Library for story time at 11:00 am. Each child will receive a book from the OEYC. Please sign up at the Minden OEYC or phone 286-1770.
- February 10: Free Separating Spouses Seminar in Lindsay from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm – Are you dealing with separation or divorce? Learn how to reduce conflict during separation and work together for the sake of children. Learn about the legal and court process and the benefits of using mediation to reach agreements. Pre-registration is required. Free information is always available at the Family Law Information Centre located at the family courts in Peterborough, Lindsay and Cobourg. Call Four Counties Family Mediation at 705-760-9603 or 1-888-605-1393.
- February 13: Dorset Poker Rally – All proceeds to aid Kidney Dialysis at Lions Camp Dorset. Must be 19 years of age or older to purchase a poker hand. Pre-registration is Friday 7:00 -9:00 pm. Registration is Saturday 9:00 - Pledge sheets available on line (www.tallpines.org) and (www.lionscampdorset.on.ca). Maximum 300 riders with OFSC Trail Permit, \$50 worth of pledges gives you a free ride. First prize is \$2000 cash. Sponsored by Lions Camp Dorset and Tall Pines Snowmobile Club. For more information please contact Charmaine at 705-766-9263 or Helen 705-766-2662.

Events listings are provided FREE for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editor@haliburtonecho.ca, or faxed to The Minden Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.ca, or brought in to the office. Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

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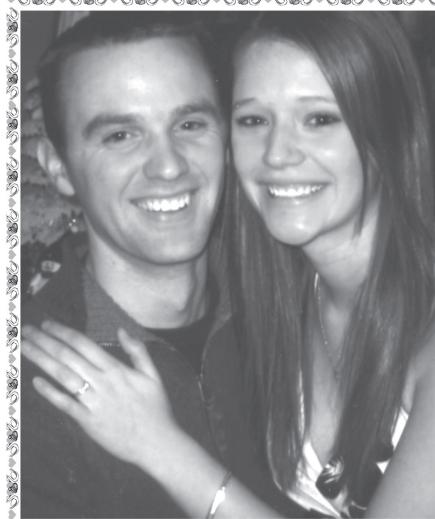
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Wanda Barnes

Deaths



Joseph Frederick 'Fred' Crewson

(Resident of West Guilford, Ontario)



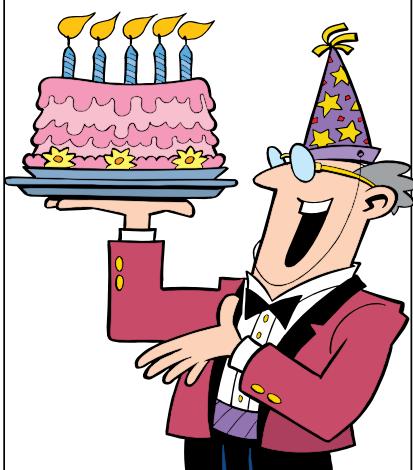
Peacefully with his family by his side on Monday morning, January 11, 2010 in his 83rd year. Beloved husband of Norma Crewson (nee Fetterly) of West Guilford. Loving father of David (Pamela) and Diane (Bruce Cook) all of Mississauga. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Jeffrey (Isabel), Jamie, Matt and by his great grandchildren Morgan & Tesna. Predeceased by his brothers Burt, Eddie and his sister Isabel. Fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends are invited to visit with the family at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday evening, January 14, 2010 from 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday morning, January 15, 2010 at 11 o'clock. Interment later Fairview Cemetery, Acton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Thanks to everyone who came to my birthday celebration on January 10th. It was really great to see all of you!
Eleanor Young



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PACKARD, Robert (Bob) Norval,
(Passed away peacefully at the Ross memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Sunday, November 29, 2009). The family would like to thank the staff of Hyland Crest, Minden Hospital, and the Ross Memorial Hospital, for their care. Also, thanks to Dr. Gammon, Haliburton, Dr. Drury, and Dr. Milligan, and the Nurses of the Continuous Care Unit in Lindsay. Thanks to the staff of Gordon A. Monk Funeral Services for your understanding and professional service.
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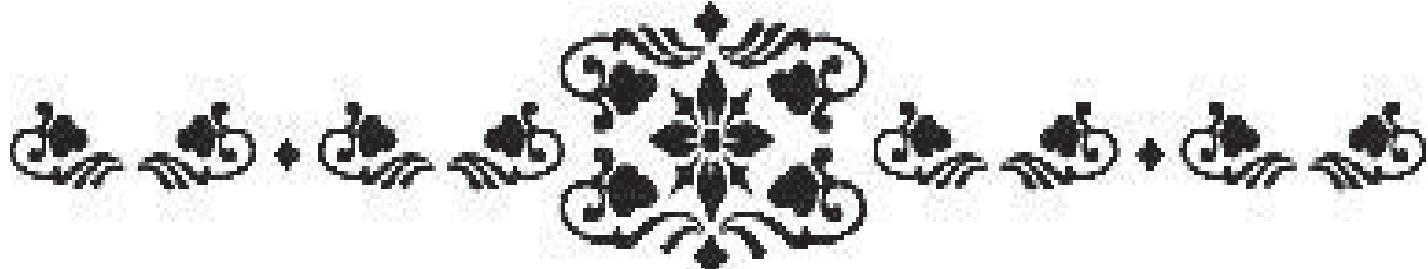
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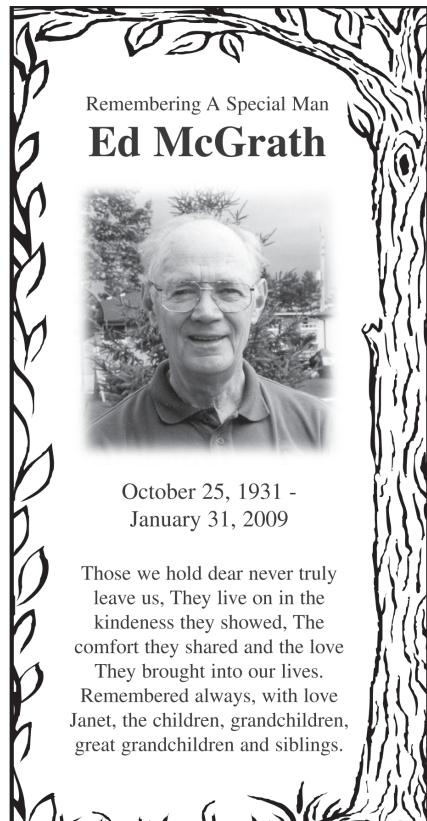
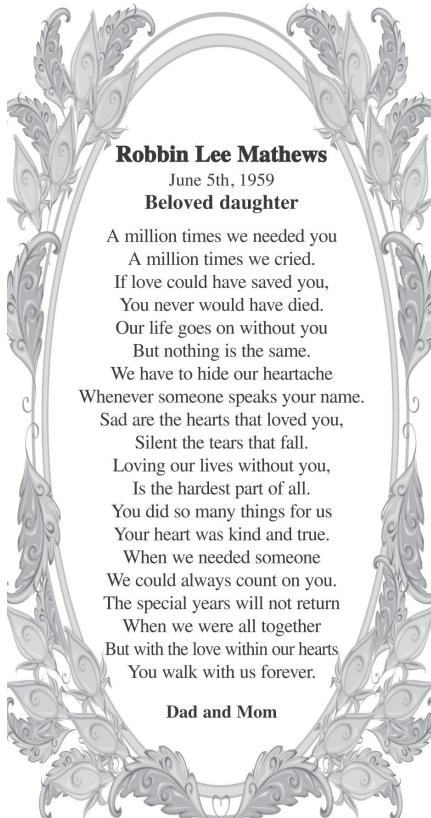
QUIGG, Walter J - At the age of 76 passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 16th, 2010 at the Hyland Crest Nursing Home in Minden, Ontario. Beloved husband of Rae (pre-deceased), father of Stephen and Lorrie (Jim Panetta). Cherished grandfather to Jordan, Jessica and Tina. Dear brother of Anne, Eileen, Art, John Henry and Phil (pre-deceased). Wally will be truly missed by his nephews and nieces spanned across Canada. A celebration of his life for friends and family will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at the Haliburton Royal Canadian Legion, from 1:30 - 3:30pm and Saturday, January 23rd from 1:00 - 3:00 at the Richmond Hill Royal Canadian Legion at 233 Centre Street East, Richmond Hill, Ontario. A private mass service for family will be held the morning of Saturday, January 23rd in Richmond Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

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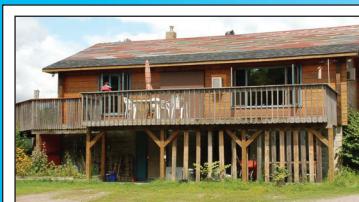
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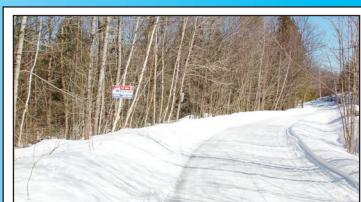
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